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TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Trail Easement Exchange and Gift of Bridges  
Keweenaw Trail – Houghton County  
Baraga Management Unit  
Land Transaction Case #20010087

Applicant: Village of Lake Linden

Trail Easement  
Offered: See "Exhibit A" for complete legal description

Easement Fee  
Schedule Value: \$4,032.00

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State Land Desired: Easement over and across the entire width of the former Copper Range Railroad right-of-way, described as follows: Commencing at the South right-of-way of State Highway M-26, thence southwesterly across part of the NW ¼ NE ¼ and part of the NE ¼ NW ¼, Section 6, T55N, R32W, Schoolcraft Township, Houghton County.

Easement Fee  
Schedule Value: \$3,600.00

Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) November 26, 2007 Calendar and is eligible for approval on December 3, 2007.

Comments: In 1974, the Department acquired nearly 65 miles of inactive railroad corridor from the Copper Range Railroad Company. These corridors serve as the Bill Nicholls, Freda, and Keweenaw Trails. At the time of the acquisition a number of bridges had either been salvaged or no longer existed. Near the Village of Lake Linden (Village), this situation caused

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the Department to move the trail onto a parallel grade owned by the Village in order to maintain trail continuity.

In 2001, the Village requested an easement over the Copper Range corridor to construct and maintain a water main and for access to a municipal water supply tank to be located northwest of the corridor. A temporary easement was provided at that time, but the Village is now seeking a permanent easement of 100' x 600'.

With this transaction the Department will exchange a permanent easement over its Copper Range corridor for a 30-foot-wide by 2,240-foot long recreational trail easement for the current location of the Keweenaw Trail. In addition, the Village will gift to the Department two bridges that serve the existing trail, one of which crosses over M-26.

The recreational trail easement will benefit trail users by making the trail permanent and more economical to develop, since no new bridges will need to be constructed.

The exchange has been reviewed by Department staff and was approved by the Department's Land Exchange Review Committee on April 25, 2002. The desired land was acquired by purchase in 1974 with public recreation bond funds.

- Recommendations:
- (1) That the exchange of easements be approved.
  - (2) That the gift of two bridges from the Village be accepted with appreciation.
  - (3) That the easement be dedicated as part of the Keweenaw Trail.

(4) That concurrent approval be given to accompanying Land Transaction Case #20070191 with Mr. David Kroenke, also presented for action on this agenda.

David E. Freed, Chief  
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Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

## Exhibit A

Part of the SW1/4 of the SE ¼ of Section 31, T56N-R32W, together with part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 6, T55N-R32W, and part of the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 6, T55N-R32W, all in Houghton County, Michigan.

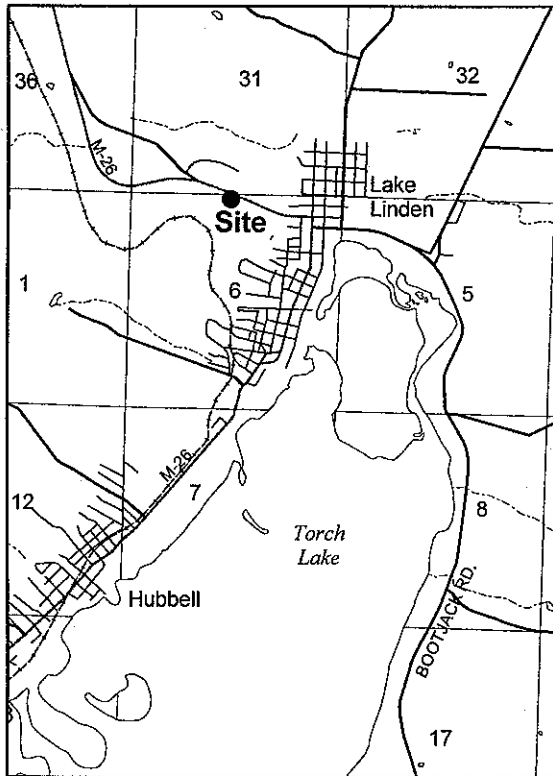
A parcel of land 30.00 feet in width, 15.00 feet on each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at a 1" diameter capped iron pipe at the Quarter corner common to Section 31 T56N-R32W and Section 6 T55N-R32W; thence along the line between said sections N 89°18'47" E, 706.87 feet to a 1" diameter capped iron pipe (previously described as N89°19'33"E, 706.61 feet by R.D. Supina, PS in a survey dated Dec. 12, 2000); thence N 1°15'49" E, 407.68 feet to a 1" diameter capped iron pipe (previously described as N 1°17'06"E, 408.00 feet); thence N 89°20'04" E (previously described as N89°19'33"E), 74.58 feet to said centerline and the Point of Beginning of the parcel to be described.

From the Point of Beginning thus established, thence S 03°07'10" W, 408.38 feet to the Section line between said Sections 31 and 6; thence continuing in the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of said Section 6, S 03°07'10"W, 92.54 feet to a point of curvature; thence 454.78 feet along the arc of a tangential circular curve to the right having a radius of 689.94 feet, a central angle of 37°46'02", and a long chord bearing and distance of S 22°00'12"W, 446.60 feet to a point of tangency; thence S 40°53'13" W, 891.76 feet to the West line of the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of said Section 6; thence continuing in the Northeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of said Section 6, S 40°53'13"W, 59.05 feet to a point of curvature; thence 76.28 feet along the arc of a tangential circular curve to the right having a radius of 74.63 feet, a central angle of 58°33'23", and a long chord bearing and distance of S 70°09'54"W 73.00 feet to a point of tangency; thence N 80°33'24" W, 257 feet, more or less, to the Easterly line of the Right-of-Way of the former Copper Range Railroad and the Point of Ending of this description. The sidelines of this parcel to be lengthened or shortened to their points of intersection with the lines closed upon.

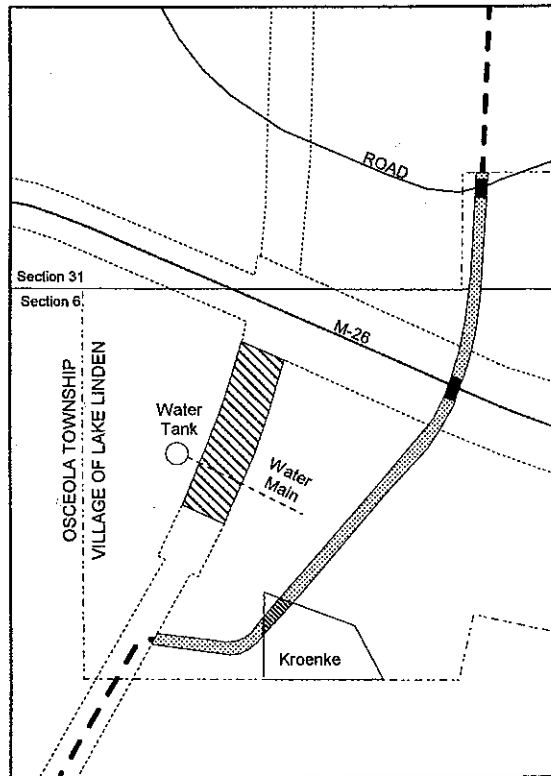
Excepting therefrom all that part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 6, T55N-R32W described in a Quit Claim Deed recorded in Liber 168 of Deeds, Page 1917, Houghton Records.

Subject to any easements, conveyances, restrictions, or reservations of record.





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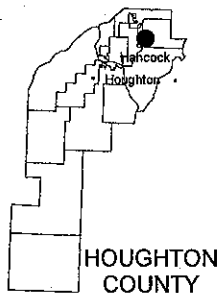


Regional Location



Section 6, T55N, R32W, Village of Lake Linden  
Section 31, T56N, R32W, Village of Lake Linden

- Keweenaw Trail
-  Easement Desired by Village  
Case #20010087 (1.38 acres)
-  Easement (30 ft.) Offered to DNR  
Case #20010087 (1.54 acres)
-  Easement to be Acquired by DNR  
Case #20070191 (0.025 acre)
-  Gift of Bridges
- ..... Right-of-Way



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